

ever-youthful AGNI, selected -by us,
become our
ministrant priest, (invested) with
radiance.

3. Thou₅ A&NI, art, verily, as a loving
father to
a son, as a kinsman to a kinsman, as a
friend to a
friend.

4. Let YABUNA, MITEA, and AKYAMAN* sit
down
, upon our sacred grass, as they did at the
sacrifice of

' MANTIS.*

5. Preceding sacrificer₃^c be pleased
with this our
sacrifice, and with our friendship, ajid
listen to these
thy praises.

6. Whatever we ofer, in repeated and
plentiful
oblation, to any other deity is,, assuredly,
offered to
thee.

7. May the lord of men, the
sacrificing piiest,
the gracious, the chosen, "he kind to us:
may we,
possessed of holy fires, be loved of thee.

8. As the brilliant (priests),
possessed of holy
fires, have taken charge of our oblation,
s© we> with
holy fires, pray to thee,

9. Immortal AGNI, may the praises of
mankind
be, henceforth, mutually (the sources of
happiness).
to both, (to ourselves and to thee).

10. AGJTI, son of strength,³ (accept) this
sacrifice,

^a *Aryaman* is an *Aditya*, a form of the monthly
sun. He is
said, also, to preside over twilight.

^b *Manushah*, of *Manus*, *who*, the Scholiast says, is
the same as
Manu, the *Pr&jdpati*.

^c *jP&rvyafotri*; the *Hotri* born before us,
according to *Say ana*.

^d *Sahaso yaho* ; *Idasy® putrah*, son of strength.
The epithet is